

P-421/CP-87-189 ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC STUDY

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
LeSueur Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 31, 1987, subscribers in the LeSueur exchange served by US West Communications, Inc. (USWC) filed a petition requesting extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area (MCA). That petition was included in the then-pending consolidated metro EAS proceeding, Docket No. P-421 et al./CI-87-76.

In the spring of 1990, the Legislature passed a law regulating the installation of EAS. Minn. Stat. § 237.161 (1990).

In its June 26, 1990 ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 237.161 (1990) the Commission found that the LeSueur petition did not meet the first criterion of the EAS law because it was not adjacent to the MCA. The Commission noted that Belle Plaine had submitted a petition for EAS which, if approved, would render the LeSueur exchange adjacent to the MCA because LeSueur and Belle Plaine share a common border. The Commission, therefore, stayed action on the LeSueur petition pending the outcome of the Belle Plaine EAS petition.

On June 26, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS, DIRECTING INSTALLATION OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE IN CERTAIN EXCHANGES, REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION PLANS, AND CLOSING CERTAIN DOCKETS in the Belle Plaine docket (P-407, 421/CP-86-55) and other dockets. In that Order, the Commission certified the results of the polling conducted in Belle Plaine and ordered that the telephone companies providing service to Belle Plaine and the existing MCA make the necessary changes to include Belle Plaine in the MCA.

On November 18, 1991, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

According to implementation plans filed by the affected companies, EAS between the MCA and Belle Plaine will not be available until July 1992. However, in its June 26, 1991 Order certifying that Belle Plaine subscribers had approved the installation of EAS and ordering the installation of EAS between Belle Plaine and the MCA, the Commission assured Belle Plaine's inclusion in the MCA.

The LeSueur exchange, then, due to its common border with Belle Plaine, is now contiguous to the local calling area (i.e. the MCA) to which it has requested EAS. As such, it meets the first criterion of Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 1 (a) (1) (1990): adjacency.

The Commission will proceed with the consideration of LeSueur's petition, therefore, and require the local exchange company serving LeSueur, USWC, to file a traffic study so that the Commission can determine whether LeSueur meets the second statutory criterion: adequate traffic. Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 1 (a) (3) (1990).

ORDER

1. Within 45 days of this Order, U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC) shall file a study of the toll traffic between the LeSueur exchange and the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area (MCA) in enough detail to enable the Commission to determine whether at least fifty percent of the subscribers in the LeSueur exchange are making one or more calls per month to the metro calling area.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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